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March 15, 2005

Katie Hain, CERCLA Lead U.S. Department of Energy Idaho Operations Office 1955 Fremont Avenue Idaho Falls, Idaho 83401-1216

RE:

DOE Letter Request of March 7, 2005 to place WAG 9, ANL-04, Sewage Lagoon in

Operable Unit 10-08 for Administrative Control (FMDP-FFA/CO-05-123)

Dear Ms. Hain:

I have received the above noted letter requesting that the ANL-04 currently active sewage lagoon be placed into the future 10-08 Record of Decision (ROD) for final investigation and remedial action as necessary.

I reiterate, due to a newly assigned mission, on-going activities at the Argonne National Laboratory-West (ANL-W), which has recently been renamed the Materials and Fuel Complex (MFC), the lagoon will continue to receive effluent for an indefinite period of time. In order to administratively track ANL-04 until such time that it is closed and available for 9-04 ROD designated remedial action, it will first be acknowledged in the upcoming 2005 INL site-wide, five-year review as an Operable Unit 9-04 "was not remediated" site for the reason stated above. Finally, to account for ANL-04 when it becomes available for remedial action, it will be administratively removed from the 9-04 ROD and placed in the intended *final* ROD for the INL CERCLA Program (currently 10-08) or a subsequent ROD, depending on schedule, to document its final investigation and remedial action as necessary.

Sincerely

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